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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As explained hereinafter, signaling (e.g., for call setup) is routed from an access node 322 through an ATM node 340 to an appropriate one of the PSTN/ISDN nodes 330. Such being the case, a circuit emulation or translator 350 is provided for each access node 322 which communicates with an ATM node 340. The translators 350 serve, e.g., to encapsulate signaling information from ~~the access~~ the access node 322 into ATM cells for signaling directed toward an ATM node 340, and conversely unpack ATM payloads received from an ATM node 340 to extract signaling information for use by the access node 322. In the illustrated embodiment, the translators 350 are preferably provided at or proximate to their associated access nodes 322. That is, translator 350.sub.O may be situated at or included in access node 322.sub.O; translator 350.sub.D may be situated at or included in access node 322.sub.D. A pair of physical links, shown as links 351, are provided for connecting each access node 322 to a corresponding one of the ATM nodes 340. --